

## OPINION SUMMARY

### MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

#### DIVISION ONE

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	ED103993
	)	
Respondent,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of the
	)	City of St. Louis
v.	)	1422-CR00291-01
	)	
JASON MCDOWELL,	)	Honorable Mark H. Neill
	)	
Appellant.	)	Filed: March 21, 2017

Following a bench trial, Jason McDowell ("Defendant") now appeals the trial court's judgment finding Defendant guilty of possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, in violation of Section 195.211, possession of methamphetamine, in violation of Section 195.202, and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia, in violation of Section 195.233.

AFFIRMED.

Division One Holds: The trial court did not err in denying Defendant's motions to suppress evidence discovered during the searches of Defendant's automobile and hotel room. First, Defendant's Fourth Amendment rights were not infringed when law enforcement conducted an inventory search of his automobile because the impoundment of Defendant's automobile was constitutional and in accord with the "community caretaking" doctrine. Second, Defendant had no reasonable expectation of privacy in the hotel room because his lease had already expired at the time law enforcement gained access.

The trial court did not err in denying Defendant's motions for judgment of acquittal because there was sufficient evidence from which the trial court could have found Defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Opinion by: Lisa P. Page, J.

Robert M. Clayton III, P.J. and Mary K. Hoff, J., concur.

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